

Timmerman House
HO-878
13356 Clarksville Pike, Highland
Howard County
Ca. 1870
Private

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7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The primary facade of the building faces southeast and is set parallel to the roadway. The front facade is three bays wide and is symmetrical about its entry bay. Openings are vertically aligned. The 1st story has a centered entry opening flanked by window openings. The entry opening holds a replacement door and is capped by a triangular wood pediment. The 2nd story has three window openings.

The northeast (side) facade does not have any 1st or 2nd story openings. A pair of small openings flanks the chimney in the attic story. These openings now hold nothing - historically they probably held louvered vents. A stone bulkhead is centered at the cellar story to provide exterior access to the cellar.

The kitchen ell projects from the building's northwest (rear) facade. The visible portion of the northwest facade has one 1st story window opening and two 2nd story window openings. The northern 1st and 2nd story window openings are vertically aligned. The 2nd story window openings hold one-over-one replacement windows.

The kitchen ell has identical detailing to the main house and appears to be original to the building. The kitchen ell has a 1-story shed-roofed addition that extends across its northeastern facade, which was probably constructed in the early 20th c. to house a bathroom and pantry. A flat-roofed 1-story porch extends across the kitchen's northwest facade. The porch has a concrete deck. Porches of this type were commonly added to rural kitchens in the county in the 1st half of the 20th century, and seem to have provided a sanitary place for summertime food preparation.

The northeast (side) facade of the kitchen ell has three 1st story window openings (located in the shed-roofed addition). The 2nd story has one window opening, located at the northern end of the facade. The northwest (end) facade of the kitchen ell has two 1st story openings: one small kitchen window opening that holds a pair of four-light windows and a door opening in the addition. The 2nd story has no openings. One small window opening is located at the attic story and holds a four-light window.

The southwest (side) facade is composed of the main house and the kitchen ell. The main house has two openings at each the 1st, 2nd, and attic stories. Openings are graduated. Western 1st and 2nd story window openings are vertically aligned. The 1st story eastern window opening is set further east than the 2nd story window opening, probably because of a fireplace. The attic openings are small. One encloses an attic vent and the other is open. The kitchen ell has two window openings at both the 1st and 2nd stories. Window openings are vertically aligned. The eastern openings are graduated. The western openings are the same size.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |

Specific dates ca.1872 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1872

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Highland has a long history as a Howard County crossroads village and, until very recently, was one of most intact. About 1740, Well's Tavern was constructed on the southeast corner of what is now the intersection of Clarksville Pike (Route 108) and Highland Road and (Route 216) Highland Road was then the road from Annapolis to Frederick. Highland was then known as Well's Crossroads.

In 1842, William F. Wall established a store on the Tavern site. In 1849, Joshua Disney bought this corner property and established a wheelwright shop next to the store, which Wall continued to run. The 1860 Martenet's Map shows this area is now called Wall's Crossroads. In 1872, Henry Timmerman bought the corner opposite Disney's shop and built a blacksmith shop and his house (13354 Clarksville Pike - HO-878) - "one the most attractive at the crossroads."¹ Henry Timmerman, born in Prussia, and his family lived in Highland by 1870. At that date, the family consisted of Henry Timmerman (aged 30) - a blacksmith, Margaret (aged 42) - keeping house, and their children: George (aged 15) - an apprentice blacksmith, John (aged 12), Anna (aged 10, Mary (aged 8), William (aged 4), and Emma (aged 2 months).² In 1900, Henry (aged 60) was listed in the census as a farmer and lived with his wife (aged 72) and their granddaughter Fannie Curley (aged 19).³ Henry Timmerman died in 1919 and his heirs sold the property to the Gibson family, who moved to Highland from Baltimore City. In 1920, the Gibson family lived on Hilton Street in Baltimore. The family consisted of Joseph (aged 35) - a steamfitter for a furnace manufacturer, wife Florence (aged 27) and children: Clara (aged 11), Joseph (aged 8), and Catherine (aged 8).⁴ By 1930, they were living at the house in Highland, Joseph was working as a laborer on state highways, Clara was a department store sales girl, Joseph Jr., was a boiler maker in a boiler factory, and a second son, Martin (aged 2) had joined the family.⁵

In ca. 1930, "Malcolm Disney properly assessed the change from buggy to car and replaced the old Timmerman blacksmith shop with a 'modern' garage". Rannie's store burned yet again in 1954, and the current building was constructed at that time. Current plans for development at the Highland crossroads include redevelopment of both the northeast and northwest corners and demolition of Disney's Garage, Timmerman House, Disney House, and the Boarman's Market.

¹ Kendall Gambrill, "History of Highland," n.d., p. 25. Most all of the information in this summary was derived from Gambrill's History.

² Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Ninth Census of United States: 1870, Population Schedule**, Fifth election district, Page 15.

³ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, E.D. 86, Sheet 1B.

⁴ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fourteenth Census of United States: 1920, Population Schedule**, E.D. 348, Sheet 9A and 9B.

⁵ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D.14-12, Sheet 1A.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Gambrill, Kendall. "History of Highland," n.d.

"Highland, scene after fire..." **Ellicott City Times**, June 24, 1954, p. 4.

Holland, Celia M. "Highland: New Face, New Name, New Town," **Howard County Times**, 3/1/1975.

Hopkins, G.M. **Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878.** Ellicott City, MD: Howard County Bicentennial Commission, Inc., 1975.

Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3 acres
Acreage of historical setting Approx. 30 acres
Quadrangle name Clarksville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Timmerman House property corresponds to Howard County Map 40, Grid 5, Parcels 85 and 150, which is the building's current legal lot.

11. Form Prepared by

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| name/title | Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor | | |
| organization | Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning | date | May 23, 2005 |
| street & number | 3430 Courthouse Drive | telephone | 410-313-4335 |
| city or town | Ellicott City | state | MD |

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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Maryland Inventory of
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Name
Continuation Sheet

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Martenet, Simon J. **Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland.** Baltimore, 1860.

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CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR | GRANTEE | DATE | LIBER | FOLIO | TRANS. | PRICE | ACREAGE | COMMENTS |
|--|--|------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-----------|--|
| Charles E. Wehland | Edward M. Dougherty and Clara V. Dougherty, his wife, John Joseph Dougherty and Edward M. Dougherty, Jr. | 01-15-1976 | 751 | 726 | Deed | 5.00 | four lots | Being the same four parcels of ground acquired by virtue of the following two deeds: 1) Deed dated November 14, 1956 and recorded in Liber 290, folio 227 from Joseph W. Gibson and Florence M. Gibson to Edward M. Dougherty and Clara V. Dougherty 2) Deed dated September 18, 1964 and recorded in Liber 425, folio 628 |
| Edward M. Dougherty and Clara V. Dougherty | Charles E. Wehland | 1-15-1976 | 751 | 724 | Deed | 5.00 | four lots | Being the same four parcels of ground acquired by virtue of the following two deeds: 1) Deed dated November 14, 1956 and recorded in Liber 290, folio 227 from Joseph W. Gibson and Florence M. Gibson to Edward M. Dougherty and Clara V. Dougherty 2) Deed dated September 18, 1964 and recorded in Liber 425, folio 628 |
| Edward M. Dougherty and Clara V. Dougherty | Florence M. Gibson | 09-18-1964 | 425 | 631 | Mortgage | 12,000 | | |

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| Florence M. Gibson, widow | Edward M. Dougherty and Clara V. Dougherty | 09-18-1964 | 425 | 628 | Deed | 5.00 | 2.1) 4 acres and 4 perches 2.2) 15 acres 2.3) 19 acres less 147 perches and less 77 perches | Being the same land, which, by deed dated the 25th of June 1920 and recorded in Liber 111, folio 191 were granted and conveyed by William H. Timmerman and others to Joseph W. and Gibson and Florence Gibson. Joseph Gibson died and left her the property. And save and except 1) 33.28 acres which by deed dated 13th of April, 1923 and recorded in Liber 118, folio 387 were granted by the Gibsons to H. Hardy Cissel 2) 17.84 perches which by deed dated 29th of February, 1924 and recorded in Liber 199, Folio 517 were granted by the Gibsons to Malcolm Disney 3) 2411 1/4 square feet which by deed dated 3rd January, 1946 and recorded in Liber 188, folio 10 were granted by the Gibsons to Malcolm Disney and 4) 1.2146 acres which by deed dated 14th November 1956 and recorded in Liber 290, folio 227 were granted and conveyed by the Gibsons to Edward M. Dougherty and Clara V. Dougherty. |
| Joseph W. Gibson and Florence M. Gibson | Edward M. Dougherty and Clara V. Dougherty | 11-14-1956 | 290 | 227 | Deed | 5.00 | 1) 1.2146 | Being part of the land, which, by the deed dated and recorded as aforesaid, was granted and conveyed by William Timmerman and John P. Simon executors of Henry Timmerman, and others, to the said Joseph W. Gibson and Florence M. Gibson. |

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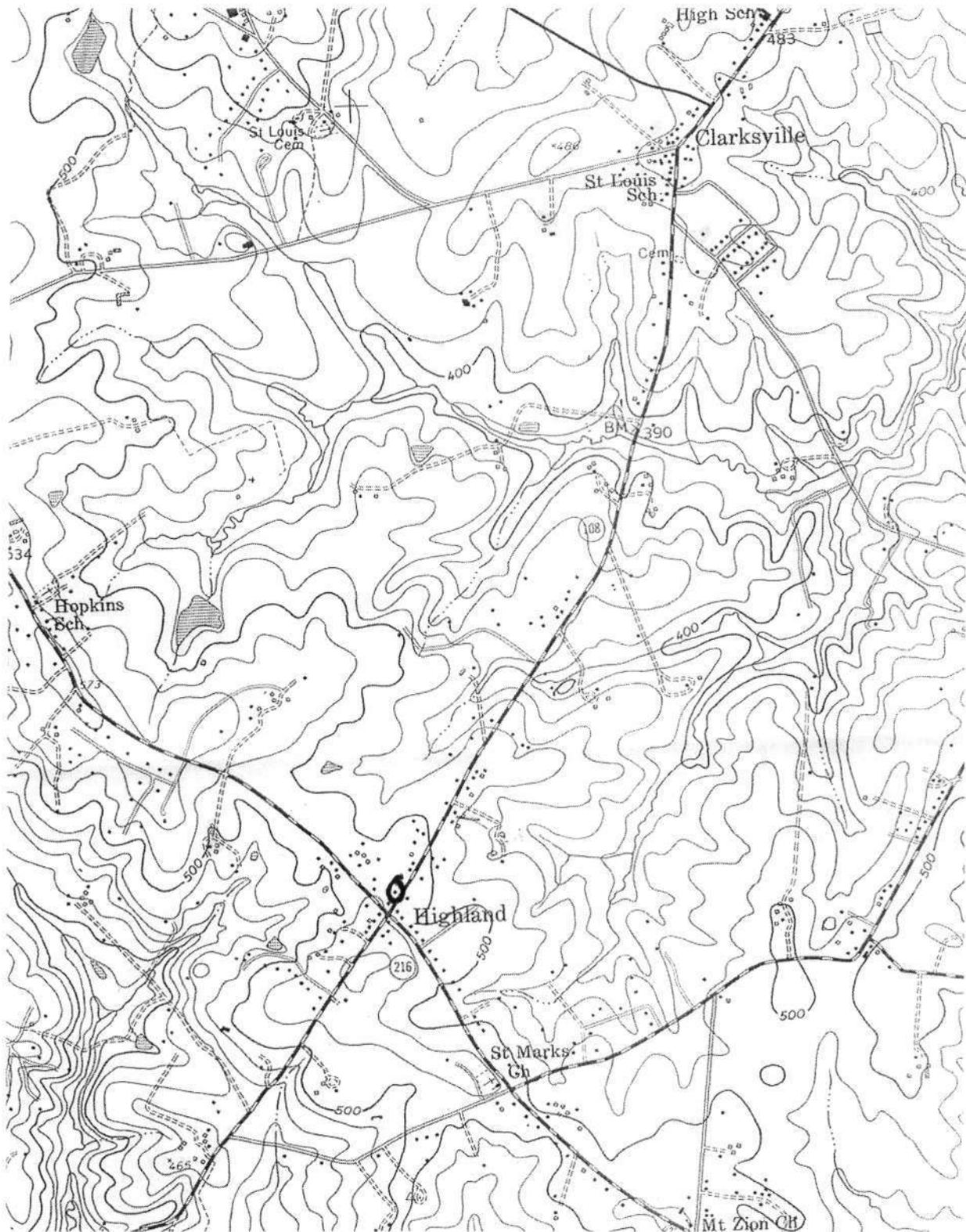
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| William H. Timmerman and John P. Simon, Executors, et al | Joseph W. Gibson and Florence M. Gibson | 06-25-1920 | 111 | 191 | Deed | 6500.00 | 2.1) 4.4 acres 2.2) 15 acres 2.3) 19 acres, less 47 perches and 77 perches | Henry Timmerman died December 6th, 1919. Devisees under his will were William H. Timmerman and Mary F. Timmerman, his wife, and Betty C. Ide and Edwin E. Ide, her husband, John P. Simon, widower, Goerge H. Simon, Amanda Simon, his wife, Kate Currhey, widow, and Fannie Damm, and George H. Damm, her husband. 2.1) Gerard Hopkins to Henry Timmerman, Mar. 15, 1872, Liber 31, folio 444 2.2) Gerard Hopkins and wife to Henry Timmerman, April 6th, 1875, Liber 35, folio 268 2.3) Gerard Hopkins and wife to Henry Timmerman and wife, March 18, 1887, Liber 54, folio 153 |
| Gerard Hopkins and Emily R. Hopkins | Henry Timmerman and Margeritt Timmerman | 04-06-1875 | 35 | 268 | Deed | 600.00 | 2.2) 15 acres | Being a part of one of the tracts deeded by John R. Clark, Trustt to William Welling and by said Welling and wife deed to Gerard Hopkins dated March 18, 1872 and recorded in Liber 31, folio 433. |
| Gerard Hopkins | Henry Timmerman and Annie Margaret Timmerman | 03-15-1872 | 31 | 444 | Deed | 1500.00 | 2.1) 4.4 acres | |



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Site plan/Aerial photograph



Timmerman House (HO-878)
 13354 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City
 Howard County
 1878 Hopkins Atlas



Timmerman House (HO-878)
13354 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City
Howard County
USGS Ellicott-City Quad
Clarksville



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Howard County, MD

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View N. Shows front + side facades.

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